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While I feel the government and Microsoft's adversaries went too far by attempting to break up Microsoft for supposed antitrust violations, the resolution through settlement is preferable to continued, costly and time consuming litigation.

I believe the settlement is fair and reasonable, and is a very positive development for the technology industry.

It is really a mystery as to why the settlement does not satisfy certain of Microsoft's adversaries. More than likely, it is because Microsoft was not forced to break up and they will never be happy until it is. This attitude is unfortunate and should not be allowed to distract the settlement process. Therefore, I urge you to settle this matter as quickly as possible so the technology industry can get back to innovating. Thank you.

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